

AUSTRALIAN SENATE

Select Committee on the Socio-Economic Consequences of the National Competition Policy

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Dear Mr Griffiths

Submission to Select Committee

Thank you for your letter dated 6 October 1998 to the Committee's inquiry into the socio-economic consequences of the national competition policy. The time and effort taken to put your views to the Committee is very much appreciated.

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The Committee proposes to hold a series of public hearings on the socio-economic consequences of national competition policy, initially in Canberra and then in other places around Australia. At that stage, the Committee may contact you again to invite you to give oral evidence.

Yours sincerely

Dr Pippa Carron

Secretary

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